

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS**

**AMENDMENT DATE:** April 7, 2008  
**POSITION:** Neutral

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 1422  
**AUTHOR:** A. Lowenthal  
**RELATED BILLS:** AB 3034 (Galgiani)

**BILL SUMMARY: High-Speed Rail: Exemption from Caltrans' Control**

This bill would exempt California High-Speed Rail Authority (HSRA)-sponsored high-speed rail projects from being under the control of the Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

This bill should not result in any additional costs to the state.

**COMMENTS**

The Department of Finance has no fiscal or policy concerns with this bill. The author's office has indicated that this bill is likely to be amended pending additional information and the outcome of AB 3034 (Galgiani), which makes several revisions to the high-speed rail bond measure on the November 2008 ballot.

Current law requires all state contracts for public works projects to be under the direct control of Caltrans, unless there is a specific exemption. Public works projects developed by the Department of Water Resources, the Department of Boating and Waterways, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and the Department of General Services are currently exempt from being under the control of Caltrans. This bill would provide the HSRA a similar exemption.

		SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)								
Code/Department		LA	(Dollars in Thousands)								
Agency or Revenue		CO	PROP								Fund
Type		RV	98	FC	2007-2008	FC	2008-2009	FC	2009-2010	Code	
2665/High Speed		SO	No		-----	No/Minor Fiscal Impact	-----			0046	
<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>										
0046	Public Transportation Account, STF										

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